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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the "Rehabilitate Painted Desert Inn" Environmental Assessment prepared by the National Park Service. The document proposes to rehabilitate the Painted Desert Inn and nearby cabins. This project will include re-structuring the wastewater treatment/disposal system for these structures. These actions are necessary to bring the structures into compliance with life safety codes, appropriate building codes, Uniform Building Accessibility Standards, and National Park Service guidelines and historic preservation policy.

Two alternatives are discussed:

1. The no action alternative, which would maintain the status quo condition of the Painted Desert Inn, its associated cabins and wastewater disposal system;
2. The proposed action alternative in which the National Park Service proposes to repair exterior and interior features such as: wall finishes, windows, doors, trim including vigas, and walkways. This action includes improvements to site drainage and landscaping. Accessibility around and into the buildings would be improved. The electrical and mechanical systems would be upgraded. The buildings would be fitted with a sprinkler system for fire suppression, as well as an intrusion/smoke alarm system. The historic interior wall murals, painted by noted Hopi artist Fred Kabotie, would be conserved. A wastewater pipeline from the Painted Desert Inn to the sewage lagoons at the park headquarters would be constructed.

We are providing this document for public review and comment. The public comment period closes 35 calendar days after the date at the top of this letter. If you wish to comment on the environmental assessment, you may mail comments to the name and address below. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Please address your comments to:
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Sincerely,

Lee Baiza
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